Civil Rights Awareness forum to cover variety of subjects

Survey says a third of CSU students are victims, or see bias

By Moorea Warren

The committee on Civil Rights Awareness was founded last fall by Robert Madison, project coordinator.

A political science senior, Madison has put together the forum as his senior project.

The committee’s consensus is that civil rights is more than a minority issue; it’s a human rights issue.

Poverty and the homeless, the rights of gays and lesbians, and gender discrimination are civil rights issues, Madison said.

“It isn’t just an Afro-American issue anymore,” he said.

At least 30 percent of students on campus either witness or are victims of some type of discrimination, according to a recent CSU system-wide Student Needs and Priorities (SNAPS) survey.

“The idea was to help people think about their experience with discrimination on campus,” Madison said.

People can forget that humans have more similarities than differences when they buy into television’s stereotypes, he said.

The Committee on Civil Rights Awareness was founded last fall by students enrolled in the Civil Rights course at Cal Poly, according to the professor who first taught the course.

About 40 speakers from the campus and throughout the state will be present at the day-long forum said Robert Madison, project coordinator.

Civil Rights Awareness is sponsoring the first Civil Rights Awareness forum this week.

Prejudice*

Seminar topics vary from reproductive rights to children’s rights and throughout the state will be presented.

Seminars will begin at 9 a.m. today at the University Union.

The committee has conducted surveys on campus either witness or are victims of about 130 scholars from all over the country, said George Cosbys, but they aren’t ‘Good Times’ or ‘Sanford and Son’ either,” Madison said.

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Any form of the world, as in the environment... culture shapes the world by what people do to the world and make it a more hospitable place. This is what I mean by indifference.

By Sabrina L. Garcia

Students and faculty from Cal Poly’s School of Liberal Arts learned how culture plays a role in personal identity and sense of place last weekend.

The “Place in American Culture” conference drew about 130 scholars from all over the country, said George Cosbys, conference coordinator.

“In the world, as in the environment... culture shapes the world by what people do to the world and make it a more hospitable place. This is what I mean by indifference.”

The future of sports...

Reporters Gregg Mansfield comments on Cal Poly athletics: where it’s been, where it is, and where it’s going.

Racing against the heat...

Those who competed in the Wildflower triathlon last weekend had to battle searing temperatures. Find out how they did, particularly those from Cal Poly who participated.
A Special Commentary
Rape victim thanks Poly faculty

In the fall of 1989, I transferred from the University of California at Santa Cruz. The main reason being that I could not come to a smaller town and, what I hoped, a more personal university. Before I arrived in San Luis Obispo, Poly was not the place for me. My first quarter at Cal Poly was by far the best yet. The town was just my size and my classes were small and personal. I had found what I was looking for in a university. All was great until February 6th.

On February 6, 1990 at 3 p.m., I was running on Perfumo Canyon Road as I did everyday, but this day would change my life forever. On this last of my peaceful runs, I was attacked by three men in a car. One pulled me down into the creek bed and raped me as the others watched. I thought I would die, and at times I still do. But I am not writing to you for sympathy. I am writing to you because in this time of confusion, when you don't know if you want to live or die, I found great comfort in school and my teachers. At first I thought I would drop out, but sitting around thinking about it was driving me crazy. I decided to fight and told my story. With the support of the rape crisis center called my teachers and told them what had happened. When I returned to school five days later I was scared, I didn't know what to expect. To my surprise, my teachers were very warm and understanding. They did not try to avoid me but instead could tell me before I could say anything and told me we were sorry and would do anything to help. Coming from a background where most of the time when you spoke to your teacher, this amazed me. The fact that they even knew who I was, or that they cared. They gave me the will to fight, and the hope that there are good people out there.

They did not insult me by making it easy, but they gave me more time for papers and let me take tests in their office. Every day I looked forward to my classes because they let me escape from the thought of what I was going through for a while. I knew there I would be greeted by a warm smile and kind words and, if I wanted, a hug. I can't express to you how grateful I am to these teachers and this university for giving me the strength to keep on living.

When bad things happen to good people it is easy to give up on life. You want to be the kind of people who keep this world together and keep the sun shining. I am blessed by the good people in the university and I hope one day I will touch someone life the way they have touched mine.

Editor's note: For both legal and personal reasons, the writer of this piece wishes to remain anonymous. She wishes to give her special thanks to professors David Boglund, Ann Morgan, Dan Houkens and Susan Dwyer, all of whom have helped her get through this terrible period in her life.

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Letters to the Editor

A letter of thanks to the Poly Goats

On Monday morning, April 30, seven members of the Poly Goats four wheel drive club performed the unpleasant task of retrieving from a river-bed the car in which Jon Rogers tragically died last month. They did this difficult job without renumeration purely out of respect for the memory of our fallen brother. Among the seven members of the Poly Goats was a political science major/Title. Submit letters to Room 226 of the Graphic Arts Building, Cal Poly, University Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407; Telephone: (805) 756-1143.

Poly athletics in peril

A few thoughts on Cal Poly athletics in general.

From top to bottom. From the highest pinnacle to the deepest valley, deals where Cal Poly athletics has gone. Cal Poly, which has gone from the top to bottom. From the highest pinnacle to the deepest valley, deals where Cal Poly athletics has gone.

The basketball program is also in a crisis situation. It seems a war between ex-players and the head coach (Steve Beason) is being dug out in the media, rather than calmly being discussed. It appears, unless something is done soon, the program will slide towards the abyss.

The players are frustrated with Beason's coaching techniques, and from what is seen in the media, deservedly so.

In addition to the criticisms of his coaching ability, there was the controversy about alcohol. When a coach purchases alcohol for his players — two of whom were under the age program needs to reevaluate itself. Granted, at the time when Beason purchased the beers for his players, he didn't know it would later be used against him. But there is still no excuse.

Meanwhile, Mustang athletics is in serious financial straits. The whole program is running a $75,000 deficit and will be subvented out of university money if something is not done soon.

Who's responsible? Where do we point the finger?

The logical direction is at the head of the athletic department, Kenneth Walker. Walker, who was hired personally by President Warren Baker, is taking the program in the wrong direction.

From sources within the program, they mention that since Walker became the "top dog" within the program, booster contributions are down. One reason for the drop in contributions, said the anonymous source, is because the teams simply aren't winning. This drop in contributions partly accounts for why the athletic program is engaging in deficit spending.

Fortunately, it's not too late to save a program which was the jewel of the Division II athletics. And the answer is not to cut programs which don't make money for the department. The department cannot amputate part of athletic program and have the rest of the program remain healthy.

Instead the program must work through this time of crisis and search for ways to strengthen itself in coming years. They should create fundraising opportunities for the school: create advertising campaigns to draw San Luis Obispo residents to games; anything to raise money for the program.

Because if we don't save the program now, not only will the people in the athletic department be out of a job, but the student body as a whole will suffer.

By Gregg Mansfield

Gregg Mansfield is a first-quarter reporter for Mustang Daily.
Suspects in U.S. marine’s killing arrested by police

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Police said today they arrested two Filipinos suspected of shooting an American Marine to death last week near the U.S. Subic Bay naval base.

But some police officials expressed doubt the two, identified as drug addicts, were the real killers of Gunnery Sgt. John Fredette, 24. Both denied responsibility for killing Fredette, who was a retired U.S. serviceman, was in tears. "I was framed," he said, "without elaborating. "I do not know anything about the shooting."

A witness, Buddy Young, said he saw the men running away from the scene of the shooting. He said he saw Angeles tucking away a gun as he ran.

No group has claimed responsibility for killing Fredette, who was on temporary duty in the Philippines from the Marine Air Station at El Toro, Calif.

The restrictions were not lifted leaves for the 40,000 troops. — Reynato Angeles, 33, and Pantaleon Dumlao, chief of the Criminal Investigation Service of the Philippine Constabulary, a branch of the military in charge of internal security.

William Burke, 24, both denied involvement in the killing.

The two men were presented briefly to reporters by Brig. Gen. Paulino Dumlao, chief of the Criminal Investigation Service of the Philippines and military dependents at the Subic Bay naval base.

The restrictions were not lifted after the arrests, military officials said.

Police Lt. Col. Macarthur Torres said witnesses "positively identified" the two arrested men — Reynato Angeles, 33, andcene

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Sports

Wildflower athletes battle warm weather

By Neil Pascale

Enduring scorching temperatures and a hilly terrain, athletes from around the world fought off muscle cramps and fits of dehydration to finish the Eighth Annual Wildflower Festival Triathlon at Lake San Antonio.

On Saturday, Preben Nielsen from Chico won the 25-mile International Triathlon in one hour, 30 minutes and 29 seconds despite temperatures that soared up to 102 degrees.

Redwood City resident Stephanie Danzig was the overall winner in the women's division finishing with a time of 1:44:54.

The short course also showcased a number of locals, including Cal Poly student Ryan Huckabay.

The 20-year old finished ninth overall and second in the 20-24 age group with a time of 1:35:16. Scott Machado, a member of the Cal Poly triathlon club, finished just 10 minutes behind the leader and placed fourth in the 19 and under division.

"I really concentrated on the bike and the run by training on a lot of hills," Machado said.

The Triathlon Club had 10 individuals and three relay teams participating in the short course. The relay team of Janice Lesyna, Hans Kardel and Mark Lafaille placed sixth overall.

"We weren't quite used to racing in that weather," Doug Sawyer, the Triathlon Club president, said, "We tried to simulate it by running in the hottest time of the day in San Luis, but it wasn't even close."

Overall, 19 of the top 120 runners in the short course were from San Luis Obispo.

On Sunday, the Wildflower Long Course Triathlon took a greater toll on the triathletes, including April Wagner, a Cal Poly student.

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TRIATHLON

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Wagner had to drop out of the race.

"I had a great swim, but my head felt lightheaded and my stomach was nauseated after I got off the bike," Wagner said. However, many of the participants said they were pleased with the help from the volunteers.

"I was really impressed with the organization and the support of the volunteers at the festival," Sawyer said. "They were always willing to cheer you on no matter how far back you were." Individuals winners in Sunday's race were Andrew McNaughton, who won the Long Course title at Lake San Antonio three years ago, and Paula Newby-Fraser, the women's winner of the 1989 Hawaii Ironman Triathlon.

RAPPERS

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Jillian Zac.

Jeanette Schmid, principal of Laureate school, praised the presentation.

"I felt that it did not frighten the children," she said. "I am concerned that programs that help inform children about the hazards often hyper-sensitize the children. It (the rap) was low key but still informative. By using a rap they kept it temperate."

"The cure can often be worse than the illness," Schmid added. "Sometimes an ounce of prevention is like an ounce of illness. They (the rappers) were realistic as they presented the program in a fun way."

The program will become a regular extension of Sexual Assault Victim Education (SAVE), a community-based non-profit organization. The Rappers were created by speech communication senior Kristin Nyquist as part of her senior project. Nyquist's senior project is to create a local campaign and then compare it to a national campaign.

"I decided to do the program because I needed a project and I found out about SAVE's need for someone," she said. "This is something that will fulfill my future career goal, as well as my senior project requirement."

"I thought it (the presentation) went really well for the first time," Nyquist said. "We still need some of the rappers to be really good response from the children. It is great that we're getting across to them. A lot of good questions from the kids."

Schmid said she wants children to hear the rap.

"We know that there's a percentage that are abused and will have to know how to handle emotions afterwards," Schmid said.

She added that the rap was the program she was looking for.

"The students were so attractive to the children — they were like big brothers," Schmid said. "Children look up to college students and they felt supported. They feel that their idols support them, so now their community loves them. Children know when people care."

The Rappers are members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and Sigma Kappa and Kappa Alpha Theta sororities. Nyquist says she approached the fraternities and sororities for help because she knew they would become involved. Some of the Greek organizations are already involved in other SAVE programs.

"It's a great opportunity to help out the children of our community," Zac said. "It leaves you with a really good feeling."

Nyquist said the goal of the program is to be a success for the rest of the school year and have it continue from year to year.

Schmid said she could not imagine them not being welcomed wherever they go as a group.

The Safety Tip Rappers include Reid Stevens, Marc Peterson, Scott McCabe and Scott Gould of Phi Delta Theta; Chris Besse and Katy Singer of Sigma Kappa; Zac of Kappa Alpha Theta; and Nyquist, the director.

The group's next performance is May 11 at Teach elementary school.

Editor's note: Larre Sterling is also a member of the Safety Tip Rappers.
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CONFERENCE

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University, wrote what Cotkin said he considered to be an interesting paper.

"The subject was Edith Wharton, a turn-of-the-century writer that designed her own house to give her maximum privacy for her writing," said Cotkin. Luria’s focus was women’s creativity and their place in culture.

Those who helped organize the conference include Michael Stein from the department of American studies at CSU Fullerton, Cal Poly’s School of Liberal Arts and the San Luis Obispo County Historical Society.

FORUM

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is a special need at Cal Poly to promote understanding and awareness of the nature of civil rights in the 1990s.

Project coordinator Madison said he wanted to bring a sense of community and give something back to Cal Poly before he graduates.

A program listing times and locations of seminars are available at the University Union information desk.

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